

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and have been examined.

With this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claim is fully supported by the disclosure. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

Claims 11-20 - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 11-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 11 to recite that the index information is created "with a control unit," as agreed upon with the Examiner during a telephone conference on July 29, 2009.

Applicant respectfully submits that amendments to claim 11 overcome this rejection and respectfully requests that the § 101 rejection of claims 11-20 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-20 - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0152267 to Lennon ("Lennon"). Applicant traverses this rejection.

With regard to claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that Lennon does not disclose or suggest at least "an input unit which receives an index configuration from a user for configuring indexes of multimedia content," as recited by the claim. Lennon is directed to *a media browser* that facilitates browsing and searching different metadata collections over the Internet (Abstract).

Lennon discloses an audio-visual output device which provides a graphical user interface with which the user may interact using a keyboard and/or mouse (¶ [0059]).

However, Lennon is silent as to the graphical user interface/mouse/keyboard combination, construed by the Examiner as the claimed input unit, receiving an index configuration from a user *for configuring indexes of multimedia content*, as required by the claim. Thus, Lennon fails to disclose or suggest "an input unit which receives an index configuration from a user for configuring indexes of multimedia content," as recited in claim 1.

Further, Lennon does not disclose or suggest at least "a control unit which produces index information for the multimedia content having the indexes configured according to the received index configuration," as recited in claim 1. Using the browser of Lennon, a user can *construct a query* using a list of available index descriptors (¶ [0184]).

In other words, the browser of Lennon provides the ability to *input search parameters to search for content on the Internet* which may be indexed, but *does not produce index information for the multimedia content having indexes configured according to the received index configuration*, as required by the claim. Thus, Lennon does not disclose or suggest "a control unit which produces index information for the multimedia content having the indexes configured according to the received index configuration," as recited in claim 1.

Further, Lennon does not disclose or suggest at least "a storing unit which stores the multimedia content with the index information," as recited in claim 1. Lennon discloses that a computer module includes a memory unit (¶ [0058]). However, as explained above, Lennon does not disclose or suggest producing index information for multimedia content, and thus does not store multimedia content with index information. Therefore, Lennon does not disclose or

suggest "a storing unit which stores the multimedia content with the index information," as required by claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over Lennon because the cited reference does not disclose or suggest all of the features of the claimed invention.

Independent claim 11 recites features similar to the above-discussed features of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is patentable over Lennon for reasons similar to claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-10 and 12-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from one of claims 1 and 11.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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